BOOVAL CATHOLIC PARISH

† Sacred Heart Church, 21 Cothill Rd, Booval
Sacred Heart Primary School, 25 Cothill Rd, Booval
† Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 10 Old Ipswich Rd, Riverview
St Peter Claver Secondary College, 10 Old Ipswich Rd, Riverview

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY): March 15, 2026. Yr A

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Weekday Mass (Cycle 2)

Monday March 16	**9:00am**	**Mass**
Tuesday March 17		**No Mass**
Wednesday March 18	**5:25pm**	**Rosary**
	6:00pm	**Mass**
Thursday March 19	**9:00am**	**Mass**
Friday March 20	**8:30am**	**Stations of the Cross**
Friday March 20	**9:00am**	**Mass**

5th SUNDAY IN LENT (A)

Saturday March 21	**4:00pm**	**Reconciliation**
Saturday March 21	**5:00pm**	**Mass—Booval**
Sunday March 22	**7:00am**	**Mass—Riverview**
	9:00am	**Mass—Booval**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: CLOW

Sunday March 22	**5:00pm**	**Mass– Booval**

Baptisms by appointment. Please note that the next Baptism Preparations session on **Thursday 9 April** at 6:30pm in the Sacred Heart Church.

Marriages by appointment only and at least 6 months notice is required.

Welcome

Peace be with you all as we gather together to celebrate the Eucharist on this Fourth Sunday of Lent otherwise known as Laetare Sunday (pronunciation—*lay**ta**ray*). This day has generally been a day of celebration during the more sombre time of Lent. The word, *Laetare* itself means " to rejoice". It can also be called Rose Sunday due to either the rose-coloured chasuble permitted to be worn by priests on this day and/or because in days of old (centuries ago) a golden rose was blessed and sent by Popes to Catholic monarchs.

Laetare Sunday provides encouragement as we progress toward the end of Lent and reminds us of the joy and hope at Easter.

READINGS THIS WEEKEND:
1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Ps 22; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

REFLECTION
Our Lord, by the power of his word alone, could have healed the dis-ease of this man, blind since birth. Yet, he made a paste with spittle and put it over the eyes of the blind man. Just as God would have moistened the dust of the earth to shape the first human being, for the blind man, it was as though he had been created anew.
God rarely works by telepathy but has a preferred way of working through the elements of creation, especially in the Sacraments. So, with the Anointing of the Sick, pressing olive oil onto the forehead and hands of the sick or dying symbolises the Holy Spirit entering the very pores of the sick person, relieving that person of undue anxiety and giving strength for the next stage of life.
This sacrament is a formal ritual of healing by the Church. But there are a million informal ways, such as putting one's arm around someone who is lonely or unwell, which are sacramental to the world.
We could pause for a moment that we might go into the world like the man healed by Jesus, eyes wide open to see where we might exercise the healing power of the Lord of the Gospel.

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14–15 March 202

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Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

We respectfully acknowledge the Jagera, Yuggera and Ugarapul people, as the traditional owners and caretakers of the land which is the Booval Catholic Parish.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED: Frank Zvonar, Fabian Arathoon, Des Daly

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOM WE REMEMBER: Soundar Rajan, Bill & Dorothy Walsh, Mieu Thi Nguyen, Ban Ngoc Nguyen, Neville Schostakowski, Mary Smith, Lyall Newsome, Gerard Flanagan, Geoffrey Frost, Marie Noon, Denis & Nora Muir, Bernard Graham, Donna Gabriel, Bob Cole, Lorraine Murphy, John & Mark Skippington, Geoffrey Crocker, Roy Folan, Alfred & Stella Grech, Moira Murphy, Melinda & Arthur Murphy, Bernice & Clement Goan, Arthur, Brian & Dane Bracey, Grahame Coultas, James Hogan.

LET US PRAY *for those who are sick or recovering from surgery*: Maureen Doyle, Trevor Cox, Leila Ryan, Kath Schostakowski, Michelle Spiteri, Raul Fuentes (Melanie's nephew), Laurelle (Desolie King's daughter), Margaret Vincent, Trish Watter, Kevin Murphy, Lynne Connors, Patrick Phipps-Ellis, Karen Cooper, Pauline Peters, Patricia Eade, Rebecca Eade, Kathy & Graeme Smith, Kath King, Declan Simmonato, Lilian Morrison, Joana Ambrad-Isip, Desolie King, Trish Rowlands.

We also include in our prayers all the aged and sick to whom we take Communion.
We pray for the safety and good judgement of those serving in our defence forces overseas.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE ANNIVERSARIES : ***15 March—20 March***
Ena Barnes, Pa Dixon, Patrick Dwyer, Bill Fullelove, John Heenan, John Heeney, Annie Silvester, James Slack, Emily Ferreira, Charlie Fick, Thelma McCarthy, Muriel Scott, Arthur Baxter, Branko Eremic, Frank Everding, Gertrude Lynes, Doug McFadyen, Denis Mangan, Ambrose O'Sullivan, Helen Rogers, Yvonne Dann, John Cullen, Teresa Gabriel, Brodie Hirning, Joanne Meij, Geoff Porter, Monty Seng, F G Thomas Fitzgerald (1992) – 3rd Parish Priest, Tom Gribbin, Mary Petie, Irene Compton, Patrick Danahere, Isabel Kearney, Michael Slack,

Should you wish to make any adjustments to the above, please contact the office.

Total Booval Parish Collection for weekend of March 8 = $1940.65. *Thank you* for your generosity.

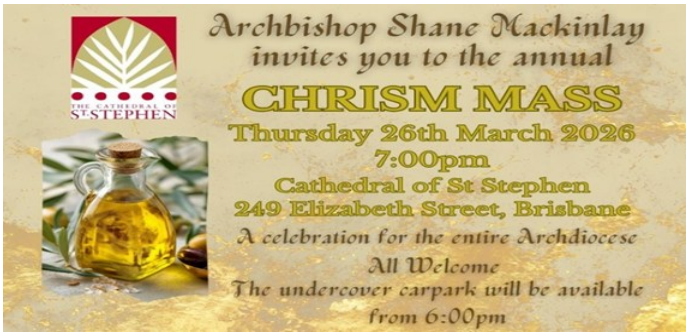
Booval Parish Diary Dates

Tuesday	March 17	9:30am	Craft Group
Wednesday			
Thursday	March 19	4:00pm	SVdP
Friday	March 20	10:00am	NO Liturgy Meeting
Sunday	March 22	8:00am	Divine Mercy Prayers: Riverview
Sunday	March 22	9:00am	CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD - CLOW

ROSTER FOR WEEKEND OF March 21/22: (Weekend 4)

Readers, EMOCs, Altar Servers & DPOs, please check in with the Leader. **If you are not rostered on, please always check in to see if you are needed for that Mass.**

	Readers	EMOCs	ALTAR SERVER	DPO
Sat 5pm	Katherine, ? ?	? ? ?	?	?
Sun 7am	Tina, Christiana, ?	Fatima, Misi	Marion	Leonie, Xela
Sun 9am	Fale, Ricco, Lagisloa	Martin, Lina, Todd	Adrianna, Danniella	Ricco
Sun 5pm	Karen, Ben, Karen D	? ? ?	?	Dominique



LENT: STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On each Friday during Lent, Stations of the Cross will be in the Sacred Heart Church from **8:30am** and then followed by the usual 9:00am Mass. You are all welcome to attend.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

What is a Sacrament?

Way back in the fifth century, St Augustine said that a sacrament was "a visible sign of invisible grace." (Sacraments Alive. P4) In a broader sense it can be said that the Sacraments are an encounter with God that can change us depending on the Sacrament received. Over the centuries, and even the decades recently, how and when we receive the Sacraments has changed and possibly will change again. Currently, the Sacraments of Initiation is a journey that begins with Baptism, then confirmed with Confirmation and is completed when a child receives Holy Communion at the Sunday Eucharist for the first time. This Sacrament is at the heart of the life of our Church.

Sacred Heart Church, Booval now invites those families of children who received Confirmation in 2025 (last year) to prepare those same children to receive their First Holy Communion in the coming months. Parents of the Confirmation children from last year are invited to a Parent information evening in the Sacred Heart Church on **Tuesday March 24 at 6:00pm**. Please inform the office of your intentions.

What: **Sacrament of First Holy Communion**
Who: **children who were confirmed in 2025**
When: **Parent information evening Tuesday, March 24**

EASTER CHOIR PRACTICE:

Choir practice to prepare for our Easter Ceremonies will take place every Thursday evening during March as follows:

* ~~**Thursday 5th March at 7pm** – Palm Sunday and Holy Thursday~~
* **Thursday 12th March at 7pm –** Good Friday and Easter Vigil
* **Thursday 19th March at 7pm –** Easter Vigil
* **Thursday 26th March at 7pm –** Revision

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